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RESCUE CENTRE FOR CIRUCS ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has set up a rescue centre for rehabilitationof circus animals at the Bannesghatta National Park near Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount released by the Union Government for this purpose;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to open such rescue centres in each States; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India has decided to setup 5 rescue centres to accommodate the animals that may be restored from circuses as a consequence of ban on the exhibition of tigers, lions, bears, panthers and monkeys. The Bannerghata National Park is one of the five rescue centres for which an amount of Rs. 205.00 lakhs has been allocated.

(c)&(d) There is no proposal at present for rehabilitation of circus animals in all the states. However, the Non-Governmental Organisations are being assisted, through release of Grant-in-aid, in the construction of shelter houses for animals.